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The Third Page

Popular Stamps

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THE NEW RATES

We fancy there is a bit of confusion in the minds of many of the smaller post offices re the new postal rates on third class mail. Also quite a bit of adverse public reaction to their application. And in the press the Toronto Globe is very critical of the increase, believing that the matter should have been brought up in parliament before the rates were changed.

It is quite to be expected that the P.O.D. is concerned in making revenues meet rising costs. On the other hand the Post Office is a public service originally more concerned with the indirect benefit to the country to be derived from quick communication between points near and far. It facilitates business, affords a means of contact between separated families and friends. Its value in speeding business; keeping of the public informed by the transport of newspapers and other periodicals; its contribution to communication by letter between separated peoples means more than dollars and cents to the welfare of a nation. It is a service to be considered more for the above contribution than as a money-maker, though admirable if it can be made carry itself without injury to some of the services it offers.

We doubt if there is any condemnation on the passing of the one-cent post card in view of the great increase in cost of the paper product entering into the making of the card, but a 100 per cent increase in cost of mailing even the smallest printed circular, or handbill seems a big hurdle at one jump. In the U.S. we note a 1½c stamp for such. The adoption of that here would not have been as aggravating as the 2c rate.

Mss. and other copy on stamp matters welcomed by the Editor.

COLLECTOR — DEALER

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		35	UL
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Cobden, Ontario, May, 1951.

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131-138 Cook Is. to 1/-	.60
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226-264 New Zealand	1.00
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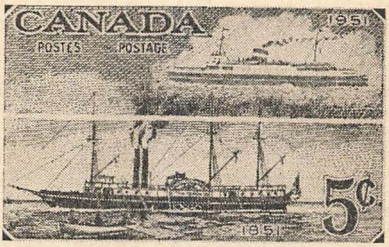
Centenary Stamps to Mark Transfer of Postal Serivce

The Honourable G. Edouard Rinfret, Postmaster General, has released photographs of the four postage stamps, previously announced, that will be issued to commemorate the centennial of the transfer of the administration of the postal service to British North America. On July 28th, 1849, an Act was passed by the British Government empowering the colonies and provinces of British North America to establish independent postal systems. The province of Canada was the first to take advantage of this authority and the necessary provincial legislation was passed transferring control of the postal system to its own Government effective the 6th April, 1851. On 23rd April, 1851, the Province of Canada was the first province or colony of British North America to issue its own postage stamps, the first stamp issued being the "Three Penny Beaver."



The four special postage stamps being issued to commemorate this event will be released on the 24th of September of this year, a date that will coincide with the holding of a great International Philatelic Exhibition in Toronto. This Exhibition is being organized by a private group, the Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions, of which the Postmaster General is the Honorary President.

One of the four stamps being issued will be a 15c denomination that will bear as its central motif a miniature reproduction of the original "Three Penny Beaver." The original stamp reproduced on this 15c denomination was designed by Sir Sandford Fleming. This will be the first occasion that the Post Office Department has issued a postage stamp of a 15c denomination since 1908. It is anticipated that this new stamp will be found to be convenient for the prepayment of the postage on airmail letters addressed to the United Kingdom, Ireland and Europe. The colour of this stamp will be a shade of red that approximates the first colour used in printing of the original three penny stamp of 1851.

The other three new stamps, a 4c, 5c and 7c, will display contrasts in the means of transportation used to convey the mails in 1851 and those used today. The 4c stamp displays an old-fashioned wood burning steam engine and train that was in operation on the Bytown and Prescott Railway in 1851. The modern train appearing in the upper half of this

stamp is a composite of the first streamlined diesel electric locomotive manufactured in Canada at the Montreal Locomotive Works in April, 1950, for the Canadian National Railways, and also of a train in regular passenger service on the Canadian Pacific Railway between Montreal and Vermont.

The 5c postage stamp will display a reproduction of the side-paddle wheel steamship the "City of Toronto." This reproduction is displayed through the courtesy of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, from a drawing by Mr. G. A. Cuthbertson. This steamship was built at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Upper Canada, for the Royal Mail Line for service between Lake Ontario ports and Prescott on the St. Lawrence River. In the upper half of this stamp, there appears a reproduction of the Canadian National Steamship "Prince George." This steamship was built in Victoria, B.C., and is operated by the Canadian National Steamships from Vancouver, B.C., to Alaska.

The 7c postage stamp displays in the lower half of the stamp a stage-coach of the period of 1851 passing before Jordan's York Hotel, King Street, East, York, Upper Canada. The legislature met in this hotel in York, (now Toronto), in 1814. In the upper half of this stamp appears a reproduction of a modern Canadian built "North Star" type of airplane as used by the Trans-Canada Airlines for the transportation of mails.

The 4c, 5c and 7c postage stamps will be large size, horizontal stamps, issued in panes of 50 stamps. The colours will be black, purple and blue, respectively. The 15c denomination will be of small size, horizontal design, isued in panes of 100 stamps. The first day of issue covers of these new stamps will be handled by the Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions at 70 Bloor St. W., Toronto. This Association will publicize full details describing the first day cover service that will be provided.

BROKEN RELATIONS ?
Failing prompt renewal this is the last copy of "Popular Stamps" you will receive if your label reads for current month and year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More About Ship

Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. McCready:

I just read the fine April issue of "Popular Stamps" that arrived today and greatly enjoyed it as always.

Mr. Vockeroth wrote you about the boat on the 1938 airmail stamps. I have a few things in mind that might interest you.

Colonel Hector G. Reid, from about 1931 until 1938, was in charge of transportation and supply for the Hudson's Bay Company in the Mackenzie River area. During the winter he had his headquarters in Hudson's Bay House in Winnipeg, but summer saw him at the Mackenzie River ,usually aboard the boat in question. He had many interesting stories to tell about this area, some with a philatelic angle. As Mr. Vockeroth's letter said, Lord Tweedsmuir was aboard the boat and was Colonel Reid's guest. Life magazine had a photographer aboard, and in one issue of that magazine, a number of pages were devoted to pictures of the party of officials aboard. The public rooms of the boat seemed very roomy, more than would be expected from the outside appearance of the boat. One winter evening at the stamp club, Colonel Reid told us that he had sent in a drawing of his boat, with an aeroplane flying overhead, to the Post Office Department some six or eight months before and that the new (1938) airmail stamp seemed to follow the idea of his drawing. If Colonel Reid was right, there is the story of how his boat was chosen to appear on the stamp.

Keep up the good work on "Popular Stamps".—James Stokes.

The Middlesex Stamp Circle held their first stamp exhibition on Saturday, April 14th in the Art Galleries of the Public Library, Queen's Ave., London, Ontario. The exhibition opened at 9 a.m. and the stamps were on view until 9.30 p.m. There were about 1,000 pages of stamps displayed and the exhibition was well attended.

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BARBADOS USED: 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75, (77), 79, (80), 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 88, 96, 97, 100, (101), 102, 106, 109, 116, 117, 118, (122), 128, (131), (142), (173), (B1).

BERMUDA MINT: 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, (38), (39), 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 64, 66, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, (97).

BERMUDA USED: 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 26, 27, 31, 35, 38, 39, 55, 64, 66, 73, 74, 75, 114.

BR. GUIANA MINT: 75, 132, 135, 142, 146, 169, 175, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 180, 181, 182, 183, (188), 195, 196, 198.

BR. GUIANA USED: (93), 135, 141, (142), (154), (158), (159), 174, 183, 194, 196, 197, (199), (208), 235, 238.

BR. HONDURAS MINT: 24, 31, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 53, (55), 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 72, 73, (74), 78, (80), (82).

BR. HONDURAS USED: 12, 13, 14, (28), (36), 39, 42, 45, 52, 65, 73, (81), 98.

CAYMAN IS. MINT: 2, 4, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, (28), 35, (46).

CAYMAN IS. USED: (2), 3, 4, (5), (6), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), 23, 27, 28.

JAMAICA MINT: 4, 12, 27, 64, (84); **USED:** 3, 22, 43, 68.

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#123—War Tax Die Proofs

Don't ask me why — but I've always been fascinated with Canadian War tax issues, so I was very happy to obtain the complete set of four die proofs in black on card.

The first issue "War Tax" have the die number at the top with no imprint. The second issue "1TC" die I is similar, but die II has the die number and imprint below the stamp.

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#124—Those Small Snuff Tax Stamps

Refer to packet #7 where we mentioned two values — the 1/16 lb. and the ⅛ lb., both in blue.

When I purchased the Reford lot I hoped to find numerous copies, but it turned out that I found only one copy of the ⅛ lb., and two of the 1/16 lb. In packet #7 I doubted their "rarity" — I still do, as I know of several in existence, but there is no doubt but what they are darn scarce.

These too were without gum. Were they issued that way? Also I note that most 1/16 lb. values are off center to top. Are yours?

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#125—The 1926 Single Line Surcharge — Double

Who has the story on these double surcharges? The two-line double surcharge is listed in all catalogs but I find no mention of the Single line —double surcharge.

Those I have seen all come from the top two rows of the sheet, but this may mean nothing. For what it's worth, I'll report that the double surcharge consists of one above the other, the upper one appearing normal, but high on the stamp. The other is fairly faint and the row seems to dip somewhat to the right.

Those I have seen have come from the Reford collection.

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#126—Post Card Accumulations

In countless homes throughout Canada there are accumulations of postcards. These were usually saved even where envelopes were tossed aside. Some of these could prove to be gold mines to the searcher. Patriotics are not the only ones in demand, — how about those Railroad hotel series? You might find more in the way of postcards than you will in stamps. Good hunting!

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#127—King Edward Plate Nos.

Here I am sniping at Boggs' again, but folks that data on page 346, listing plate nos. is in need of much revision. According to Winnie the 1c plates 1-4 are thin numerals, while 5 and up are thick. Also the 2c plates 1-5 are supposed to be thin, while 6 and up are thick.

Folks, it ain't necessarily so. Some of the lower numbers (and may be all) come in both thin and thick numerals. There's much more to this study of plate numbers, but enough for now. I'd like to hear from anyone who has even a small accumulation of Edward plate numbers. There's much more to learn.

Just goes to show you — the philatelic hand book which is "the last word" — just ain't been printed yet.

POSTAL BILL IS BIG

Nova Scotians spent a total of $3,380,761.37 on postage during the year ending last March 31, according to the annual report of the Postmaster-General tabled in the House. Total for all Canada was $93,280,-139.89. The report also shows Nova Scotia had 1,315 of the 12,415 post offices in Canada at the end of the year as compared with 1,362 in operation during 1948-49. Six new post offices were opened during the year ending last March 31 and 52 were closed.

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A.B.C. of Plate Blocks

BY D. C. MacMILLAN

Small sheets of stamps (¼ sections of original sheets) are distributed to post offices in bundles as they are cut; i.e. the order sent to a post office will include sheets which are all from the same segment of the large sheet. Usually there are two different plate numbers represented on alternate sheets. For example, the post office at Hull, P.Q., may receive 100 sheets of four cent stamps. All will be of the lower right position and the bundle will include 50 sheets from plate 1 and 50 sheets from plate 2. Other post offices will receive supplies of the same stamp in the same manner with variations of the plate block position on the same day. The next time Hull receives a supply of four cent stamps (possibly 2 weeks later) it is probable they will receive a different position and or different plate numbers. It is obvious that the chances of obtaining matched sets of corner blocks from one post office is slight. Collectors must trade among themselves to complete matched sets.

If we consider one commemorative issue, say the Princess Elizabeth, we find the following:

Stamps issued	50,010,000
Plate Blocks	500,100
Matched Sets (8 positions)	62,512

Assuming that 25% of the plate blocks got into the hands of collectors, there should be 125,025 in existence. Again assume that two-thirds of these are in matched sets and there should be approximately 10,000 matched sets of corner blocks for this issue in existence. Numbers of plate blocks issued are about the same for the Alexander Graham Bell issue and about double for the later commemoratives.

The situation regarding regular issues is completely different. The same design of stamp may be issued over a period of years. As the plates wear out, new ones are put in service. These plates are numbered consecutively and each new one adds a new matched set of plate number blocks to the possible total for collectors. Up until recently, little attention seems to have been paid to this aspect of plate block collecting with the result that many positions of recent issues are dificult to obtain. The situation has been aggravated by the recent issue of very small quantities of stamps from new plate numbers just before a stamp became obsolete. Constant contact must be maintained with local post offices to know when new plate numbers are issued. In spite of this though, certain positions of certain plate numbers become very rare as all sheets of that position are possibly sent to outlying post offices and do not reach the hands of collectors. An example of this appears to be the 4c red War issue plate no. 24 LL. There are several others in that issue also. The only remedy is for collectors to order plate block positions from the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa while the issue is in use or from dealers who specialize in this type of material. Incidentally, 100 stamps of denominations up to 5c must be ordered before a plate block position can be specified from the Philatelic Agency.

Sources of supply for plate corner blocks are as follows:

Local Post Offices
Other Collectors
The Philatelic Agency
Dealers.

Plate block collecting is becoming more popular all the time with resulting increases in value for the blocks. This is easy to understand when it is realized that only one of any plate block position appears for each 400 stamps issued.

T.T.C. EXHIBITION

The T.T.C. Stamp Club held their Annual Exhibition on April 3rd, last. Some thirty-six 9-sheet frames were exhibited in four classes, namely Canada, British Empire, Foreign and General Collections. The winning entries being made by Mr. R. E. Irving —Canada, Mr. R. J. Smalley—British Empire, Mr. R. J. Smalley—Foreign, and Mr. H. Bolton—General Collection.

The article in the March "Popular Stamps", "Transportation in Philately," was the subject matter of the three frames that gained the T.T.C. the Inter-Club Trophy at the North Toronto Show.

Back Issues That Are Available of Popular Stamps

We have sorted over remainders of back issues of Popular Stamps and find small lots of the following which may be had at prices quoted, while they last.

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Canada Modern Fancy Cancels ★

BY JAMES DICKENSON

Canada, like a number of other stamp issuing countries, is well known for the fancy cancellations that were applied to her stamps in the late 19th century. Since then a number of fancy cancels have appeared on her more modern stamps but I doubt if this is as it should be. The writer makes no effort to list or illustrate all the varieties of these modern fancy cancels, commonly referred to as 'Corks'.

While Boggs suggests that the early fancy cancels were made from brass, wood and probably steel, I firmly believe that these Modern's are from cork. Where do they originate? I live in Saskatchewan and nearly all that I have seen have come from this Province. Possibly others exist from other parts of Canada but have not made their way for from home and are only known to the collectors in the area whence they originate.

Could I tell you what towns from which they originate? In some cases, yes; but not knowing what higher authorities in the Post Office Department might think of these unorthodox cancels I will for the time being, conceal their locations.

Are Philatelists behind the making of these cancels? From what information I can gather, the answer is no. One town in Saskatchewan, in which (I believe) the most varieties were issued, the postmaster was not a philatelist and there was nothing to indicate that a collector even existed in the town, but you never can tell.

For one thing they are fascinating. I have never been able to purchase any items from other collectors that have come in possession of them, but they have kindly loaned me their specimens for this article. And while on the subject, I want to thank Ron Doxsee, Bob Barr and Harold Brown of the Regina Philatelic Society for kindly loaning me specimens for my information.

The V for Victory cancel has been seen in both blue and black on multiples and singles, the larger amounts paying postage on Election returns from returning officers at outside districts to the Legislative Buildings here in Regina. The same applies to the 50c Lumbering which is cancelled with a somewhat oval cork cut into four segments. The lower values in most cases were used on letters, and most of those shown today found their way to a local developing house where luckily a collector retrieved them. Maybe some of them found their way into your possession, anyway, if you want another angle to Canadian collecting, chase after these fancies.

Since starting to write this small article I have had occasion to look over another local collector's acquisition of these interesting cancels and one in particular caught my eye. It was a strip of four of the current one cent, the first three stamps were cancelled with something resembling a swastika and the last stamp was cancelled with a thick T. My description does not tell of its beauty, but it is something to see.

The old corks? They're gems, but give me the moderns for a real tough chase.

Editor's Note:—The first time we saw one of these modern cork cancels was during the war when the P.O.D. authorized a V cancel in their electric cancelling machines. At that time the postmaster at Nipissing Jct., Ont., developed his own V cancel from a cork. We refrained from making note of it in P.S. at the time as we figured he was out of bounds by using it. Later he informed us that the P.O.D. instructed him not to use it, and he gave us the cork he was then using—carved to give a four-line bar cancel. He passed away about a year ago and we since intended making mention of it but overlooked it until Mr. Dickenson's article showed up. With it he has sent us a photograph of 26 stamps mostly modern regular, comem. and pictorial stamps, but two stamps are Geo. V medallion issue. The cancels appearing on these show bars, circles, segments or crude cogwheel types and one very much like a maltese

cross, and all somewhat reminiscent of the 19th century varieties. In fact should some one go so far as to use early Victorian stamps and have these modern cork cancels applied there could develop a confusing and upsetting situation for the collector of early cork cancels. We doubt if the offending postmasters will be permitted to continue the use of these cancels. Daub and smudge cancels often appear on parcels where sponginess or flimsiness of the parcel will not permit use of the steel stencil, but even here the P.O.D. furnishes a roller cancel and there is no excuse or reason for using unorthodox cancels.

VICTORIA NOTES

April 23rd, the 100th Anniversary of Canada's first postage stamp, was celebrated by a small group of philatelists at the Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C., Mr. J. K. Hodges, genial manager of that famous hostelry, being host. Fourteen guests were present, these all being officials in one or other of the two local stamp clubs — the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, and the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to making final arrangements for the Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition, to be held at the Empress Hotel May 19-21, which is to honor the Centenary.

Gerry Wellburn reminded the members that this was the third occasion on which an historic centenary had been thus celebrated at the Empress Hotel—first in 1940, the Penny Black year, and again in 1943 when the centenary of the founding of Fort Victoria was commemorated.

The following guests made up the party: Miss Jean Roberts, President of the North West Federation of Stamp Clubs; Mrs. S. Bateman, Vice Pres. of the G.V.P.S.; Gerry Wellburn, Pres. of the Exhibition Committee; A. R. Wildig, Pres., G.V.P.S.; Major Sam Henson; Henry Watson; Harry Whittaker; John Anderson; V. N. Bigwood; Dr. J. A. Pearce; Geo. Little; R. Nairne; S. W. E. Candy; and Joe Richards.

After supper a pictorial menu card was placed on the table and each guest attached his signature as a memento of the occasion while being seated as he did so in the King's Chair, which had been used by His Majesty King George VI during his visit to Victoria in 1939.

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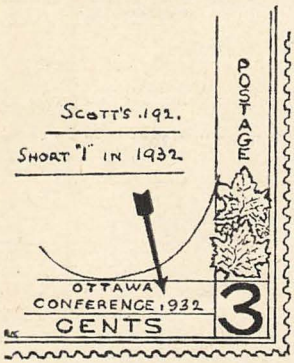

Sketch 301—Canada Scott's #192, the Ottawa Conference 3c, with short "1" in date. Sent us by E. J. Davis.

Sketch 302 — Australia Scott's #195 with heavy border hair lines. Sent us by Alex McDonald.

BRICKS FOR BANK BY PARCEL POST

Neither rain nor shine nor sleet nor snow may halt the mail but 120 tons of brick is an aside from the weather. Among clippings from newspapers and magazines mailed to us is one from some magazine, not identified on the clipping, but written by one Irving Wallace records a poser that once faced the U.S. postal service. Gist of the article is: Back in 1916 directors of a bank at Vernal, Utah, decided to build a modern two-storey fireproof bank building 97 x 70 feet. 50,000 bricks were required but freight handlers demanded 15c a brick or $7,500 in all to bring the bricks from the nearest brick kilns at Salt Lake City, 194 miles, hard going by road. It looked as if prospects for the new bank were fading when one of the directors discovered that they could be mailed by parcel post for about 7c apiece or around half the cost of freight. Vernal, 150 miles by airline from Salt Lake City, brought the rate into second-zone postage, though the mail actually travelled 407 miles by standard and narrow gauge railroads and the final lap by carrier wagon.

Postal regulations limited weight of a package which ran 10 bricks to a package, making 5,000 packages of bricks. The route carrier was required to report mail not delivered within one week of arrival at the railway terminus. Swamped with tons of bricks the carrier notified Washington and the P.O.D. there decided it was not required to deliver more than 200 lbs. to one consignee in any day. At forty bricks a day delivered it would require over three years before the bank got all its bricks.

Stumped for awhile the bank's brain trust came up with an idea and invited everybody in their locality to join in the plan. Thus farmers and townspeople became consignees for the bricks and carted them from the post office to the bank site in triumph if not a bit of gleeful satisfaction in a victory over the government.

Extra wagons had to be added to the carrier route and mail handlers developed aching backs and probably blistered hands — but the mail went through, to every last brick.

Since then, though the U.S. postal Department has raised parcel post limit to 70 pounds, retaining the 200 pound daily limit it trusts that this and rate increases will forever protect them from being faced again with such a formidable task as above reported.

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This steamer of 2,099 tons exploded and sank, within a few minutes outside of Shanghai, near the mouth of the Yangtze River, December 3rd, 1948. The ship was estimated to be carrying 4,000 frightened refugees fleeing war-torn China. The Kiangya had sailed from Shanghai en route to Ningpo, about 200 miles south of Shanghai. The exact number of dead and missing will probably never be known, but the loss of life was variously estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000 persons.

It was reported that a company spokesman said the Kiangya's capacity was 1,186 passengers, the vessel had carried at least 4,000 passengers on each of its previous trips, and that there were at least that many aboard at the time of the accident. (Scott—China A-93).

(1) Scott's Monthly Journal, April, 1949, page 50.

AUSTRALIA JUBILEE STAMPS

White settlement came to Australia at points on the continent separated by vast distances, and, as a result, six independent States grew up with many common interests but with no effective means of joint consultation. Realizing that the development and security of the new continent depended on the adoption of a common national policy, men of vision began a movement for federation and, in consequence, the Commonwealth of Australia came into being in 1901. The fifty years that followed have been a period of outstanding development, and it is with pride that the Postal Administration issues a set of four stamps to celebrate the jubilee of Australian nationhood. The set comprises a distinctive pair of the 3d denomination and 5½d and 1/6d values each with a separate design. Date of issue, May 1, 1951.

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Collectors often emphasize that "the stamp is the thing," and one phase of this theme was chosen and develped in a recent talk that Miss Edith Hilton gave to fellow members of the Edmonton Stamp Club, when she took the topic, "Stamps Are Like Persons."

Miss Hilton said that in poring over her stamp album and getting to know more about the stamps on its pages, she was often impressed by the personalities portrayed on the face of many postage stamps. The characteristics varied just as they do among people, the personalities attracted or repelled but all proved of interest.

Few grownups ever entirely put aside cherished dreams of youth to explore or seek adventure, and she felt the best example was found in the stamp album of Canada honoring Jacques Cartier, the three-center of 1934. The motherly characteristic of kindness and firmness so adored by all was surely well illustrated in the stamp of Belgium portraying Queen Astrid.

Best typifying the spirit of mischievousness was surely the Australian stamp presenting the Koala bear, which had all the impishness of a little boy or small girl caught in mischief and saying "I didn't do it," while all the time the contrary was clear.

The demanding personality, the sort of person who wants service at once, asks much and is used to getting it, she opined was illustrated by the Rhineland Pfalz 3 pf. Expressive of pride and self-confidence, the stamp of Gabon presented The Warrior, a fine example of warlike native of French Equatorial Africa.

The idea of virility and strength, the athletic type who enjoys competing in sports as a means of bringing out the best in them, is illustrated by the modern stamps of Greece — the country that originated the Olympic Games contests—especially well by that showing the javelin thrower. Some are horrid, like the militant and arrogant figures pictured on the Italian stamp of 1941 commemorating the Axis, those of Hitler and Mussolini. Others were mysterious, like the Mona Lisa, smile but unfathomable. There were understanding personalities, kindly ones, like those of Victoria, Alexandra, Mary and King Edward VII in the late nineties set of Newfoundland.

As there is good and bad in people, so in stamps. The search for personalities in stamps helps make us collectors and all lovers of stamps.

T.S.C. CLUB NOTES

The Spring Catalogue Auction of the Toronto Stamp Collectors club was held on Thursday evening, April 19th, in private dining room 7 at the Royal York Hotel.

The auction consisted of some 402 lots which were on display at 6.30 of that evening. Auction commenced at 7.30 sharp and was opened by president Dr. James C. Goodwin. With a crowded floor and an unusual number of mail bids, bidding was active and good prices realized. Walter S. Bayley acted as auctioneer and Chas. F. Foster, Secretary, looked after the mail bids. Sales were about equally divided between mail and floor bidders and totaled about $1,750.

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O 6 10c	.	.13	.05
O 7 14c	.	.18	.08
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CO1 7c	Air	.10	.10
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